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EPA Region 10
Office of the Regional Administrator

Dennis McLerran
Regional Administrator
Environmental Protection Agency
Region 10
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Dear Mr. McLerran:

As you are aware, the sale of Simpson Tacoma Kraft Company, LLC to RockTenn closed on May 16, 2014. Simpson Lumber Company, LLC will continue to operate its Washington sawmills in Longview, Shelton, and Tacoma, and its door company in McCleary, Washington.

Simpson enjoyed its nearly 30 year ownership of the Tacoma Kraft mill. During that time, the mill faced a variety of challenges, including the Commencement Bay Superfund project, air non-attainment designation, and new NPDES rulemaking, to name just a few. In each and every case, it was our obligation to meet these challenges. By working together with your agency, Ecology, environmental groups, and the community, what was achieved optimized environmental improvement through reduced emissions and improved operating practices and resulted in a healthy, vibrant business. Our achievements were a team effort and in large measure moved forward by the leadership, guidance, and support of EPA Region 10 and its talented and professional.


Most recently your team of Katie McClintock, David Bray, and Julie Vergeront worked diligently on a permit review process under 114(e) and a BACT review of the mill power boiler. By guiding us on the process, technical requirements, and regulatory obligations we were able to come to an agreement which accomplished a timely sale of the mill and a process to assure an enforceable, appropriate, and achievable BACT limit.

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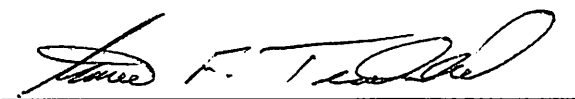
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We want to acknowledge the good work of the Region 10 staff and the leadership of the Region, and thank the EPA for all the guidance and support provided over the past 30 years. Our collaborative work with the EPA resulted in a better company, with improved environmental performance, while achieving economic benefit for the company, community, and the employees.

Sincerely yours,



Colin Moseley, Chairman
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